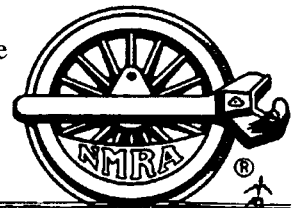


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## Help Still Needed for Trainfest 2017



Soon they will be lined up to get in.

Final preparations for Trainfest 2017 on November 11 & 12 are rolling along - are you in line to help? Tickets are currently available for sale online at a discount from what you would pay at the door so make sure you purchase them in advance through the website. Local hobby shops also have tickets available.

A reminder that this year we have both HO and N scale special run SOO Line cars for sale along with other items in the Trainfest Store.

Also new this year is the Trainfest Photo Contest. Visit the Trainfest website for details on how to enter your photographs. All photos will be on display in the lobby of the Expo center and the contest winners will have their

work displayed on our website as well.

The only way that Trainfest can be successful is with the help of many volunteers we need to help staff the show. Once again we are doing the Make n' Take (a water tower) and the Junior Engineer Programs. Even if you are at the show working a layout or

display you can sign up to help at a work a session which will last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. There are many other places where members can help as well. So, if you are willing, please sign up using the form on page 5, or through the website at [www.trainfest.com](http://www.trainfest.com).



Volunteers at the Junior Engineer Desk

Remember, Trainfest is your show and it funds the Division throughout the year, including the meets, contest awards and certificates, bus trips, WISEop, donations to museums and other events.

## February Bus trip to Mad City Train Show

The Division's annual bus trip to the South Central Wisconsin Division's (SCWD) Mad City Train Show will be Saturday, February 17, 2018. Fare will be \$37 per person, those 17 and under are \$15. It includes admission to the show and coffee and donuts on the coach

bus. It is a fun way to get to the show and well worth the trip.

Pick up will be at the following Park & Ride lots:

- 7:00 a.m.: College Ave. Southwest Lot
- 7:15 a.m.: State Fair Park Lot at I-94 & 76th St.
- 7:30 a.m.: Goerke's Corner Lot at I-94 & Barker Rd.

For more information contact Art Oseland at [raydenny1@aol.com](mailto:raydenny1@aol.com) or 414-764-5375. Register and pay at the October and January meets.

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## Diorama Project Filled Contest Area

The WISE Square project brought in a large number of entries to the April meet. See who won first place on page 3.



## Milwaukee Optoberfest to Feature Three Days of Operating

For those of you who enjoy operating sessions, Milwaukee Optoberfest 2017 will be October 27, 28 and 29 this year. Eleven layouts in HO and N scale scale are scheduled to participate. Sessions will be Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon and, with a change in schedule, just one in the evening. Two sessions will be scheduled for Sunday morning. While NOT a WISE Division event, this year's Optoberfest will be in memory of member Bob Reppert who hosted many sessions on his HO Dawdle & Delay. Contact Joe Russ at [jross@execpc.com](mailto:jross@execpc.com) for more information.

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## Notes from the Super's Desk...

One Meet In. Opportunity Comes Knocking.  
 Our year kicked off nicely a few weekends ago at the September meet. The Clarion Hotel across from Mitchell International Airport worked out well for many of the attendees. Just a reminder: come around the backside of the hotel and not enter through the main lobby doors. So far the hotel layout has been well received and the clinics were very well received! Thank you to both Otto and Eric for their efforts and sharing the subsequent results with us. Thank you to Gerry for opening his doors to us for another great layout tour. Our next meet is scheduled for October 15 again at the Clarion Hotel.  
 Thanks to both Burnell Breaker and Joe Russ (and their crews) we had successful presentations at Fall Harvest Days in Racine and Milwaukee Maker

Faire respectively. Both groups handed out flyers for Trainfest®, talked about model railroading, and were able to demonstrate what we do in person. It demonstrated a real strength of the Division – face to face sharing, teaching, learning and encouraging.  
 The Division has need of volunteers in two separate venues. First is Trainfest on November 11-12, 2017. There is a form attached to this *Owl Car* where you can indicate what you're able to do to help support the show.  
 The second need for help is on the Board of Directors. Between a couple of recent resignations and a few longer term empty spots, we have seven open positions.

- Clinic Director
- Contest Director
- Layout Tour Director
- Membership Director
- *Owl Car* Editor
- Picnic Director
- Assistant Paymaster

When I look at the above list this is what I see. The first three items are arguably the core of what the Division does, and is, as a larger group. The next two items are our outreach, communication and publicity cornerstones. Picnic is all about member appreciation, fun and celebration. Lastly Assistant Paymaster is part of the stewardship mission this Division has established.

With the WISE Division celebrating its 50th anniversary last year and Trainfest working towards its 50th the openings above leave me with the questions of what can we do to support each other better? The vacancies currently standing are important to the functioning of our group. So what is it that keeps you from volunteering (the first or the fifth time) in the Division?

I've been asking this question and the answers are wide ranging. One theme that has emerged is change. To much has changed. Not enough change. Nothing on new technology, too much new technology. Too many slideshows, not

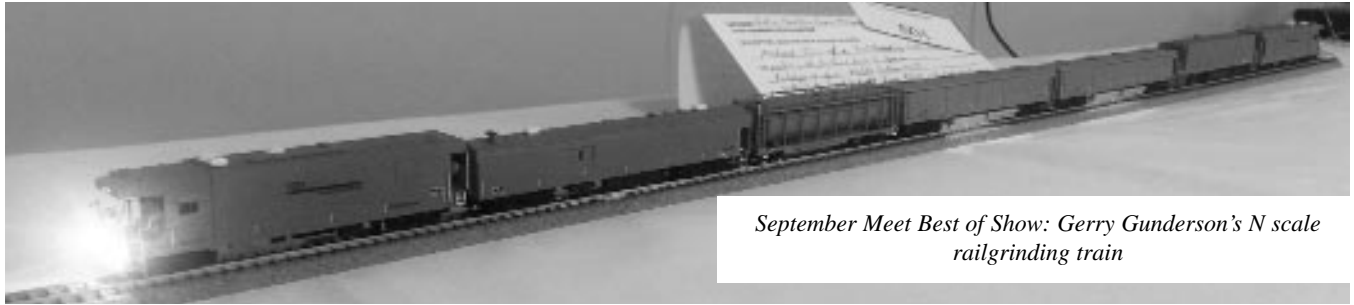
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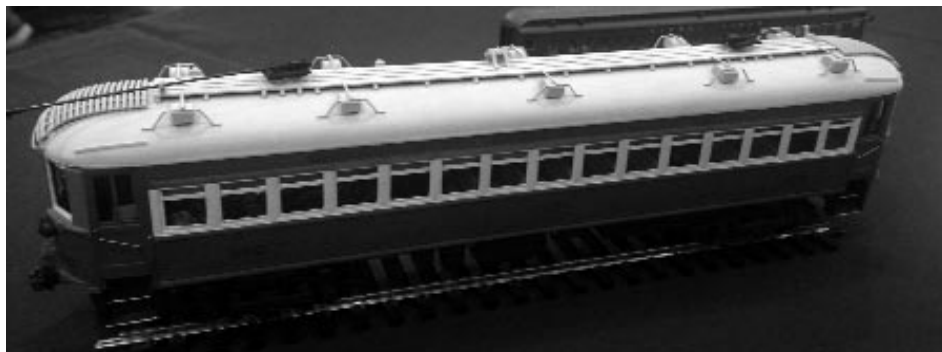
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# The Contest Page



*September Meet Best of Show: Gerry Gunderson's N scale railgrinding train*



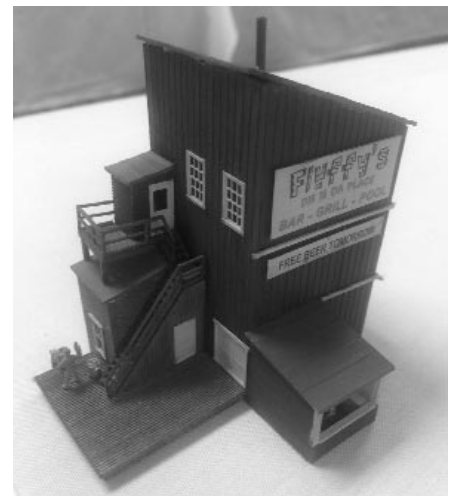
*April Meet Best of Show: Paul Schneble's O scale North Shore car*

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held April 23, 2017.

**Best of Show** – Paul Schneble for his O scale North Shore car (above)

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held on September 17, 2017.

**Best of Show** – Gerry Gunderson for his N scale railgrinding train (above)



**Structures, 1st Place** – Steve Miazga for his N scale Fluffy's

**Structures, 2nd Place** – Ted Zieger for his HO scale Jack's Saluager

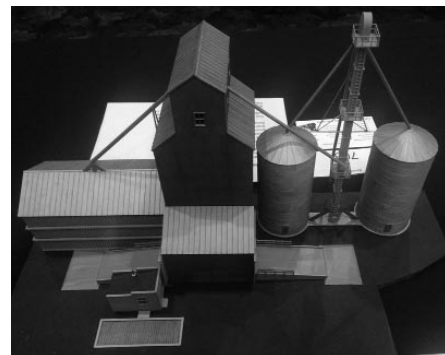
**Photographs – Model, 1st Place** – Steve Miazga for his "Dusk" on the Pelican Rapids Subdivision

**Photographs – Model, 2nd Place** – Steve Miazga for his Paddling Heaven



**Non-revenue Equipment, 1st Place** – Mile Slater for his HO scale SOO Caboose

**Non-revenue Equipment, 1st Place** – Robert Niedermann for his HO scale MoW flatcar



**Structures, 1st Place** – Carl Pripke - for his N scale Sparks Farmers Co-Op Elevator

**Structures, 2nd Place** – Steve Miazga for his N scale Royal Oaks Hotel

**Passenger Equipment, 1st Place** – Paul Schneble for his O scale North Shore car

**Passenger Equipment, 2nd Place** – Mike Slater for his HO scale Lionel Lines passenger coach *Madison*

**Photographs – Prototype, 1st Place** – Steve Miazga - "Bottomless" Swamp East of Rhinelander, Wis.

**Photographs – Prototype, 2nd Place** – Steve Miazga - D&NM 14 Pulling "Tamarack Thunder" excursion in Rhinelander, Wis. in October, 1996



**General, 1st Place** – Nate Kraines for his HO scale Cranberry Crossing squares module

**General, 2nd Place** – Carl Pripke for his N scale Cliffside Station squares module

I would also like to thank the following for their time and effort in entering the Popular Vote Contest in April. In no particular order: Mike Slater, Ed Varick, Lee Oettinger, Harry Evans, Jim Rindt, Robert Niedermann, Nate Kraines, Joan & Charlie Rice, David Nelson, Ted, Zieger, Paul Schneble, Luellen Breed, Carl Pripke and Steve Miazga. Regardless of any winnings, your participation is most appreciated.

I'd like to also send a special thanks to several people whose names I don't normally see at the contests but want to thank them for their entries. I hope we see you again as all of the entries were outstanding. Paul Schneble, Joan and Charlie Rice and Luellen Breed. THANK YOU!

*Dave Evans - former Contest Director*



# Free Model Railroad Meet

Hosted by the WISE Division, NMRA

**- Public Welcome -**

Visit [www.wisedivision.org](http://www.wisedivision.org), call 262-408-1946 or see the back side for information

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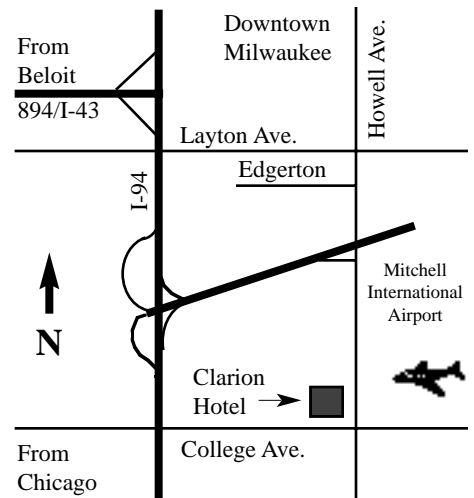


## October 15, 2017

Opens at 12:30	Popular vote contest registration (free and open to the public) until 1:30 for all categories
1:00 to 1:45	<i>Living with a 3D Printer- Part 1</i> Joe Russ demonstrates the basics of what the Dremel 3D printer can do for model railroaders by explaining how it works and printing out a few samples.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Living with a 3D Printer- Part 2</i> Joe Russ continues his 3D printer demonstration
3:00 to 3:45	<i>My Own Little World - Marquette Michigan in N-Scale</i> Rob Pfeiffer gives a photographic tour of his layout including how he created the concept and he built various structures. Photos comparing the layout with prototype will also be included.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tour: (map distributed at 4 p.m.)

### Clarion Hotel & Conference Center - Milwaukee Airport

5311 S. Howell Ave. in Milwaukee  
(drive around back and use rear entrance)



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enough history. Addressing the topic of change in our hobby has become a point of heated debate itself – separate from an actual, specific focus of the debate.

One of the central elements that has attracted me to the NMRA and the WISE Division is the platform our group (and the other Divisions) offers. While the responses above have fallen on one side of a divide or another, the Division has the benefit of offering as much disparate information as we want, can and have interested members for. I may not use it – but I like to hear it. I didn't see steam run through my hometown so bring on the slideshow. I'm running a DC setup today, but can I add arduino controlled, 3D printed, flashing crossing gates still? Maybe these are topics I can watch on YouTube but I cannot ask my question of curiosity nor hear yours while doing so.

Our meets, clinics and layout tours allow us to share and learn both

intentionally and accidentally with each other about the hobby we love. So in that vain send me your emails with ideas you'd like to see the Division do/offer and what you can do/offer to your fellow members. Our schedule, and our leadership, needs help being filled out and whether it's for your first or the 30th time please consider it.

*Pete(r)*

### Video Library News

by *Burnell Breaker*

I will be out of town for the October meet and the video library will not be available for checkout at this meet. DVD's can be returned to Art Oseland and he will get them to me. The video library will again be available for checkout at the January meet. The Division did acquire the DVD collection from the family of long time WISE Division member, Bob Reppert, who recently passed away. As I have time, I will be adding these into the library. Stay tuned.

### Upcoming Division Events

- Nov. 11 & 12 .Trainfest 2017\*  
Expo Center, State Fair
- January 21 . . . .Division Meet  
Clarion MKE- Airport
- February 17 . . .Bus Trip - Mad City Show  
Madison\*
- March 18 . . . .Division Meet  
Clarion MKE- Airport
- April 22 . . . .Division Meet  
Clarion MKE- Airport
- April ?? . . . .WISEop 2018
- May 6 . . . . .Bus Trip - DuPage Swap  
Meet\*

\* denotes extra fare event



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# 2017 Trainfest Volunteer Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

What days/times are you available: Fri (8 am-8pm), Sat(8 am-6pm), Sun(8 am-8pm)

\_\_\_\_\_

What time of day are you available for & for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you volunteered with Trainfest before? What did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what year and where/what did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:      Bob Henderson, Trainfest Office Manager  
7824 Pathfinder Lane  
West Bend, WI 53090

Questions call at 262-692-6999 or email rhender1@charter.net

